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## ISRAEL CALM BUT READY TO FIGHT

# NEAR EAST SITUATION GRAVE

## Lavon Charges Jordan Plotted Bloody Outburst

JERUSALEM (JP)—Israel has reacted firmly but calmly to the bloody shooting outbreak last week in this capital city which resulted in the death of eight persons and the wounding of 53 on both sides.

Although extremists roared for a full-scale attack to take the Old City away from Jordan, most responsible leaders, including the present government, called on the people to be ready but to refrain from acts of aggression.

Prime Minister Moshe Sharett and Defense Minister Pinhas Lavon, as well as lesser government officials, have charged that the violence represented a planned attack carried out by the Arab Legion at the behest of its officers.

### OPPOSES AGGRESSION

Sharett declared Israel would refrain from any acts of aggression but would firmly defend its soil against attacks from any quarter. (The full text of his statement appears on another page in this week's Post.)

Lavon, in making his charge of a planned attack, said Jordan had reinforced the Arab Legion battalions in the Old City the day before the shooting began (Wednesday, June 30) with two additional companies. Towards the end of the same day, he said, "they started evacuating the houses contiguous to the city wall." This he saw as a clear indication of a planned attack.

He added that although most Israeli forces garrisoned in Jerusalem were outside the city participating in routine maneuvers, they were rushed to the scene of the fighting immediately, so that within an hour after the shooting began "Israeli forces replied with fire matching the Jordanian fire."

### SPARED HOLY SITES

Answering charges by Jordanian spokesmen that holy sites were in danger, Lavon said he had ordered Israeli commanders to avoid firing on holy places and had forbidden the use of artillery,

although it hampered their effectiveness.

The uneasy cease-fire still prevailed in the Holy City nearly a week after the bloody outbreak. United Nations negotiators were frantically trying to patch up a serious situation which could conceivably touch off a full-scale war between Israel and the Arab nations.

While Israel cautioned its people to keep calm and ready, Jordan's King Hussein urged the other Arab states to send aid, both material and moral, to join in the struggle against "Israeli aggression."

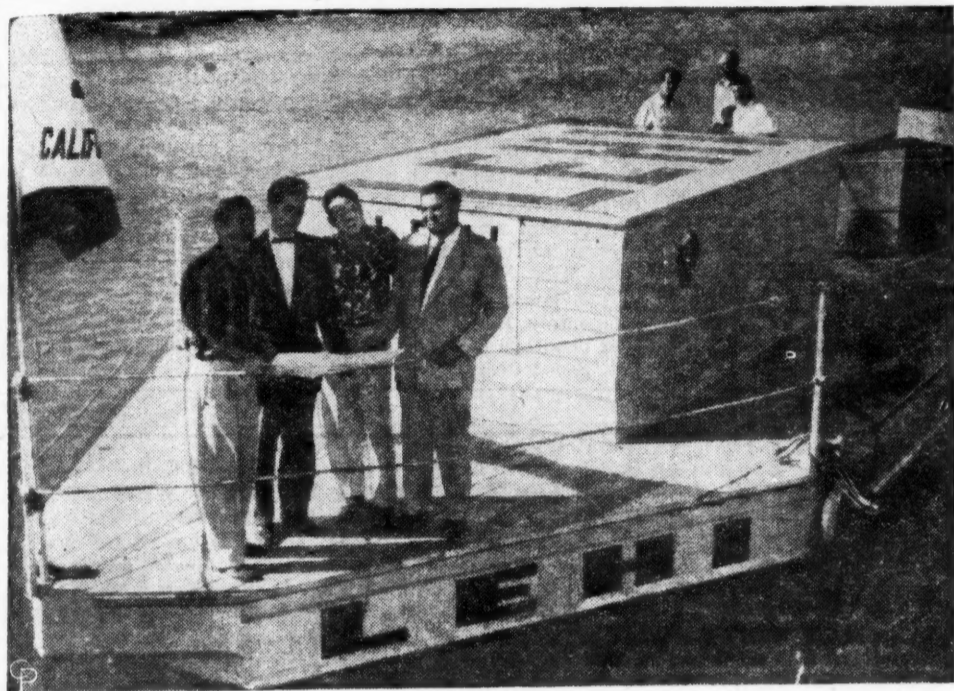
### CHARGED FORCE

Jordan charged Israel with planning to seize by force the Arab-held Old City.

The shooting started last Wednesday night when Arab Legion mortars, automatic rifles and grenades poured a heavy barrage of fire into the Jewish part of the city from the walls of the Old City. Israeli guns immediately sent back an answering fire.

Among those wounded in the shooting on Wednesday night was 48-year-old Moshe Goldberg, a rabbi from Paris who had come to Israel to attend the World Congress of the Agudas Israel. His condition was said to be serious.

While firing was still going on in Jerusalem an Israeli plane flying over Lake Tiberias was fired upon by Syrian batteries on the eastern bank of the lake. Two policemen on a patrol boat shelled by Syrians on the lake the previous day, died. Four were wounded.



## To Sail From Red Sea to U.S.

The six-sided barge Lehi, on which a group of men will attempt to prove that the first inhabitants of America came from Palestine, is shown after launching at Sausalito, Calif. The craft is named after a "Jewish priest" who, according to Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon religion, in 600 B. C. took his family and his possessions aboard a raft and sailed in 344 days to Central America—at what is now Guatemala. After a trial cruise the craft will be shipped to the Persian gulf where the men will board and attempt to relive Lehi's experience.

## Israel No Spiritual Center Now, Says Rosenwald; May Become So

By BEN GALLOB

Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK (JP)—Lessing J. Rosenwald, president of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, this week termed "a hollow formula" definitions of Israel as a "spiritual, moral, cultural center" but added that "Israel may be, in time, just that."

The anti-Zionist leader's prophesy, though strongly qualified, constituted the first affirmative statement about Israel's messianic aspirations from any Council spokesman. The official Council position is that Israel is a "foreign state" to all Americans, including American Jews, and that its only significance for American Jews is the alleged perils of Israeli nationalism to the welfare of American Jewry.

### QUOTED IN FORUM

Rosenwald gave his views in a forum appearing in the current issue of the Jewish Newsletter

## Israeli Featherweight To Launch New Career

NEW YORK (JP)—Israel's young hopeful prizefighter, David Oved, will step into the ring for his first bout as a professional Monday, July 12, at Eastern Parkway arena.

The winner of the featherweight title at the 4th World Macabiah will start in a four round preliminary fight against an as yet unnamed opponent.

For the last two months Oved has been training and learning the tricks of the professional trade at Stillman's gymnasium.

published by anti-Zionist William Zukerman.

Apparently invited by Zukerman to discuss Israel as such a world center, Rosenwald replied: "I have this feeling: Israel may, in time, be just that."

"If so, Israel can only become such through demonstrated merit," he added. "No fiat, or law or propaganda can make her such, now or in the future, unless she can prove to the world that the world should emulate her for these qualities."

### CAN'T BE FORCED

He said that if Israel did merit such a position, "The world will voluntarily accept such leadership; it cannot be compelled to do so. If Israel does not merit it, no amount of persuasion can force the world to believe or accept such a hollow formula."

If Israel is sincere "in her desire to be such a center, her course is obvious," Rosenwald declared. "She must so conduct herself as to bring about such an exalted position."

He concluded that "if Israel is not constituted to permit such self-introspection, she cannot attain the status which she is now demanding 'on faith' and without the substance to promote it."

## Theological College Yields Evanston Site

CHICAGO (JP)—The Hebrew Theological college has given up plans to build in Evanston.

The college has sold a plot of land intended for its new structure to a group of Evanstonites who will turn the property into a city park. In order to have carried out its original plans to build, the college would have had to go through long court litigation according to Rabbi Alvin Schwartz.

An Evanston alderman, Robert James, says the city wanted the property for some time, but financial troubles and the death of two principals prevented the purchase. Residents of the area had also objected to the college's plans.

## Anti-Red League To Embark on Survey

NEW YORK (JP)—The American Jewish League Against Communism has announced it is undertaking a survey to determine how many thousands of Jews—previously thought to have been murdered by the Nazis—were really killed by the Communists in Russia.

Rabbi Benjamin Schultz, executive director of the organization, said the survey was authorized by his League to look into the "well-founded suspicions that almost as many Jews were killed by Communists as by Nazis in Europe during World War II."

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● **Program** . . . An intensive program for Torah leadership training for youth leaders throughout the country, jointly sponsored by Mizrahi Hatzair and the torah and culture department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine will be held August 31 to September 10 at the Mizrahi Youth camp in Bronte, Ont.

● **Anniversary** . . . An American contingent of more than 250 Rotarians is expected to attend the 25th anniversary of the Jerusalem Rotary club this coming December. Preceding and following the special anniversary celebrations, special tours for visiting Rotarians are planned throughout Israel, into the Old City and to Bethlehem.

● **Education** . . . The Teachers Institute of Yeshiva University in New York will give

eight semester hours of academic credit to members of its student body participating in the Israel Summer Institute sponsored by the youth department of the Jewish Agency for Palestine, it has been announced.

● **Fight** . . . B'nai B'rith manpower will be made fully available across the nation in the fight against juvenile delinquency under an all-year program enlisting 1700 men's lodges and women's chapters of B'nai B'rith.

● **Institute** . . . Eighteen top Jewish community leaders have been named to the planning committee for the fourth national "Weekend of Living Judaism" adult institute to be held July 29 through August 1 at the Brandeis Camp Institute, Santa Susana, Calif.

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## Churchill Urges U. S. Continue Aid to Israel

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Sir Winston spoke at a luncheon held in his honor by the Washington press corps. He declared he was a Zionist and said he had been one of the leaders in urging the establishment of a Jewish homeland.

CHURCHILL

The British leader also spoke of his friendship for the Arabs, and said he thought "we ought to be able, somehow or other, to use our influence from every quarter to make them (Jews and Arabs) work out a plan together."

"There were far more 2,000 years ago than there are now in Palestine; and we not only can greatly increase the population in the area, but we can bring a harmony there which will be a security and not an element of anxiety in the Middle East," he said. "Let us be tolerant and let us be friendly, and let us support Arab rights and help forward legitimate Zionist aspirations."

## Ex-Shipping Czar Says: Paid \$30,000 to Nazis

NEW YORK (WNS) — Arnold Bernstein, former owner of the German Red Star Line, testified in Federal court this week that he paid \$30,000 to Nazi authorities in July 1939 for his release from a German prison, after serving a two-and-a-half year term for foreign exchange violations.

In his \$11 million suit against the Holland-America line, Bernstein has charged that duress to transfer the Red Star line was brought upon him in Nazi prison by a representative of the Chemical Bank and Trust company.

## Head of Canadian Political Party With Hate Platform to Visit Israel

BY ALLEN BERNFELD  
Jewish Post Correspondent

MONTREAL (JP) — The leader of the only Canadian political party which makes anti-Semitism a plank in its platform will visit Israel late this summer.

Solon Low, national head of the Social Credit party, is scheduled to visit Israel for 10 days after attending a British Commonwealth parliamentary conference in Africa in August. Plans for Low's trip were announced in Edmonton, the capital of Alberta, where the Social Credit forms a provincial government and has its national headquarters.

Low is to be a guest of the Israeli Government and will visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, and Tel Aviv, according to the announcement.

Observers here are wondering whether this trip will mean a change in the SoCred policy of Jew-baiting, long an element of the party's propaganda for its particular economic theory. The theory involves denunciation of the present monetary and credit system and "international financiers."

The latest example is a new bi-monthly English-language paper published in Quebec and called "Social Credit." A French-language version, "Vers Demain" (Toward Tomorrow) has not used any material which could be called anti-Semitic. But the third issue of the new English publication devoted most of two pages to reprinting the slanders spread by Gerald L. K. Smith.

Smith described how the Jews and "their henchmen" rule and manipulate Washington. The Quebec paper said it is designed to "bring the facts home to the average man—the facts, particularly such as are related to money power . . . The pressure on our (political) representatives should not be left to the enemy."

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# B'nai B'rith Institutes No Smash Hit, But Time Will Tell

By HARRY L. GOLDEN

Editor, Carolina Israelite

CHARLOTTE, N. C. (JP)—It was no coincidence that the B'nai B'rith Institutes of Judaism had their origin in the South—in the state of North Carolina to be exact.

The desire to possess the qualities which will endear us to the "majority," is not all a negative process by any means. The Christians of the "Bible-Belt," have exerted considerable influence in shaping the wider range of religious activities of the Jews of the South. This was inevitable in a society where the civic status of the average business man is determined, in large measure, by the extent of his church affiliation and religious activities, and where the laymen (the non-Jewish "opposite numbers" of the Jewish merchants), gather each summer at the various Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Church of God, "conferences," "institutes" and "retreats." They take their wives, listen to sermons and lectures and spend a pleasant week at a mountain or lake resort in study, prayer, and recreation.

It was this pattern which, in part at least, led to Wildacres—a Jewish "retreat"—the first of the "Institutes of Judaism." It began in 1948 when Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Blumenthal of Charlotte (N.C.), offered the B'nai B'rith lodges the facilities of their estate at Wildacres, about 4,000 feet up in the Great Smokies of western North Carolina. Maurice A. Weinstein, vice president of the state organization at the time, was placed in charge of the program to "get a couple of speakers." But Weinstein saw more than that in the idea; the others caught his enthusiasm, and the "Institutes" were born.

The other day I interviewed

Weinstein with a list of questions about the Institutes, (the former marine captain is a well-reputed lawyer with a long list of "textile" and "retail" clients in Charlotte, (N.C.), the citadel of American Presbyterianism). For that first "Institute" Weinstein had invited Prof. Ludwig Lewisohn, the historian Marvin Lowenthal and the Hillel Director, Rabbi Arthur Lelyveld, who combined to develop this "Institute" technique of adult Jewish education.

As the "Institute" idea grew, other scholars were added to the several faculties, including Dr. Mordecai M. Kaplan, Maurice Samuel, Dr. Salo Baron, Dr. Joseph Lookstein, Dr. Solomon Grayzel, and others of equal stature. The program established at that first "Institute" is substantially the pattern now being followed by the other 26 units established since 1948, including the Camp B'nai B'rith in the Poconos at Starlight, Pa. This program includes religious services, lecturers, group and panel discussions, and periods of recreation. In 1953 the B'nai B'rith officially incorporated the Institutes into its Department of Adult Jewish Education with a full time director, Rabbi Harold Weisberg. Maurice A. Weinstein, logically enough, became the chairman of its National Advisory Committee.

Yet, why do these "Institutes" meet with such indifference from the general Jewish public? Weinstein did not challenge the validity of my question, so I repeated it, specifically: "Why should it be so difficult to secure an enrollment of 70 'students' from a group of Southern states which include some 30,000 Jewish families?" (In the same area there are eight "Jewish" country clubs with an aggregate yearly budget of over \$1 million.

**MADE A GOOD POINT**  
Weinstein made a good point: "There has been a great hiatus



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in adult Jewish education. A whole generation was lost. A whole generation which stopped with that, "Today I am a man" speech at the age of 13. We must give it time."

He said that the aim of the "Institutes" is to achieve what Philip Klutznick, president of the B'nai B'rith emphasized in a recent address: "... laymen of our day must have the will to create the atmosphere ... for a partnership between the scholar and the layman to lead American Jewish life to new heights of fulfillment."

"In the Institute idea," continued Weinstein, "we see Jewish adults; Reform, Orthodox and Conservative laymen living and studying together with the great Jewish scholars of our day." Here I interrupted Weinstein to point out that perhaps this very "smoothness" may actually be its greatest weakness. It is no secret that the rabbis at the local level have shown no enthusiasm at all for the "Institutes." In several instances they have had to be "admonished" into actual attendance. The explanation is fairly obvious. The local rabbis are completely overshadowed in the eyes of their own congregations by these mighty "name" faculties; and their participation in the proceedings is reduced to the innocuous role of conducting the morning or evening service—a "service," which, by the way, must "satisfy" everyone. And herein may lie another "Institute" weakness.

The attempt to "satisfy" everyone is clearly indicated by the general nature of the program, which is more or less restricted to various "aspects of Jewish history," and discussion of "Jewish living" primarily as it relates

to the struggle against anti-semitism.

## NOBODY LISTENED

One Southern rabbi told me: "When I was delivering an in-between lecture on 'The Essence of Conservative Judaism,' the 'students' were walking in and out of the room at random. But when the ADL man spoke in the afternoon, every seat was filled and you could hear a pin drop." The rabbi also made a point: "The studied attempt to make these 'Institutes'—'impressive'—is a serious mistake. I hope that out of this noble idea may yet come a renaissance of Jewish values, but it will come only when laymen in all parts of our country will come to a vacation resort for a few days to study and pray with the rabbis of their congregations. They will not only get to know each other better, and help strengthen their respective organizations, but they will also discuss the problems pertinent to their local communities and which will make for better citizenship."

While the "Institutes" have not created any noticeable upsurge in interest, and while Weinstein generously agreed that in the case of Wildacres at least, the "Institute idea has not yet changed the face of North Carolina Jewry, it now came my turn to agree wholeheartedly with Weinstein that: "There are Jewish States of America."

books in homes today where there were none before; we have awakened an awareness of Jewish religious life where none had existed before, but most important of all are the children. When a child hears that his father is going to an "Institute of Judaism," we have no way of gauging its value at this time; let us call it a project in-taking Judaism in stride."

That the "Institutes" are here to stay there is no doubt. They are even building up their own folklore, like for instance the time the redoubtable Ludwig Lewisohn decided to deliver his lecture on "The Evils of Inter-marriage" before an "Institute" audience which included four non-Jewish wives and their Jewish husbands. Anyway the "Institutes" had a most interesting "beginning." There was once a man in this state by the name of Thomas Dixon who wrote a novel—"The Clansman," (Birth of a Nation), and this Dixon established Wildacres, which was to be the Valhalla of his fellow bigots and racists. The Dixon plan failed and this Wildacres was later acquired by I. D. Blumenthal, and it was here that Weinstein and the B'nai B'rith established the first Institute of Judaism.

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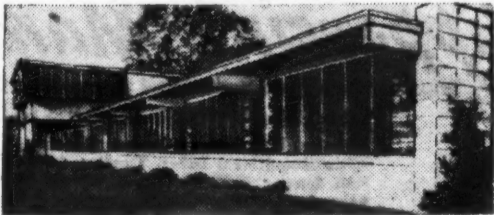
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## New York Supreme Court Denies Incorporation to Rabbinical Group

By PNINA STERN

Jewish Post Correspondent

NEW YORK (JP)—The New York Supreme court has denied the Knesseth Haraanim D'America Inc. approval of its proposed certificate of incorporation under the membership corporations law.

A justice of the Supreme court is required, by statute to decide whether under the circumstances surrounding the application, the special privilege of a corporate charter should be granted.

Justice Samuel Gold, who handed down the decision, was aware there were already in existence rabbinic organizations comprised of orthodox rabbis, with a long history of service and accomplishment. He ruled there was no need of any additional rabbinic organizations of orthodox rabbis, which, aside from duplicating services already available, may cause confusion in the community and may conflict with similar endeavors now in process.

While lauding the purposes set

forth in the certificate, the court felt that existing associations such as the American Jewish Committee, the Anti-Defamation League and the American Jewish Congress are in a better position to accomplish these aims.

When approached by The Post, Rabbi Max Felshin, who filed the affidavit, declined comment

## Contributions Flow For Sarah Kagan

NEW YORK (JP)—The Post is still receiving contributions for Sarah Kagan, the little girl stricken by polio, although she left for Israel several weeks ago.

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HARTFORD, Conn. (JP)—Former Congressman Abraham A. Ribicoff has been nominated as the Democratic candidate for governor of Connecticut.

Ribicoff is the first Jew to be chosen a gubernatorial candidate in New England. He will oppose the incumbent, Republican Gov. John Lodge.

Ribicoff called for a campaign free of vilification.

"Surely there is enough bitterness and strife in the world and in our nation without our adding to it in Connecticut," he said. "I appeal to you and to our political opponents not to weaken the moral fibre of our state by indulging in a campaign of name-calling and mud-slinging."

Ribicoff, who is 44 years old, was the Democratic nominee for the Senate in 1952. He ran 100,000 votes ahead of his ticket, but lost to Sen. Prescott S. Bush by 29,000 votes.

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**FAMILY SECTION**

## They All Are Jews



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### Emin Pasha

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In the last half of the nineteenth century there appeared in Constantinople a young, penniless German doctor of medicine. His name was Eduard Schnitzler. He was an unheroic figure of a man—nearsighted, bespectacled, wearing a fez and observing Mohammedan rites. He was skilled in chess, fluent in many languages, and with a wide scientific knowledge.

For five months he drifted about a Turkish post, making friends with Egyptians and Arabs until one day he went steaming up the Nile as a government medical officer. Two years passed, and then the news came from the Sudan that Emin Pasha had been named the new governor of Equatoria.

No one who knew him could believe that the peaceful, timid little doctor could rule that vast, savage African state. But he could and he did. He controlled a huge empire, and for ten years ruled supreme. He broke up the nefarious slave trade, explored the sources of the Nile, and journeyed into the unexplored jungles of Africa to secure valuable collections of botanical and zoological specimens.

There was a native uprising, and all news of Emin Pasha was lost to the outside world for several years. Stanley, the great explorer, organized a rescue party and after years of terrible hardship succeeded in finding Emin alive, but ill and half-blind. Recovered in health, he refused all honors and undertook another exploration into the interior. Walking away from camp one day, he was attacked by two Arabs and assassinated.

For months his death was not known until a European officer found some books and diaries and learned they were the records of the famous Emin Pasha. To this day his place of burial remains a mystery. But wherever adventure beckons there hovers the spirit of the mysterious Emin Pasha.

This feature is condensed from the book, "They Are All Jews," with biographies by Mac Davis, and portraits by E. E. Claridge, through courtesy of the Hebrew Publishing Company, New York, N. Y.

## Your Name

Want to know what your name means?  
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By N. PEARLROTH



DEAR Mr. Pearlroth: Would you please advise me of the origin of our family name: Pelzner. My father hails from Galicia, Poland.—MRS. DOREEN PELZNER, Winnipeg, Man.

PELZNER is a name of geographical origin. It was obviously taken from the name of the small town of Pilzno, in Western Galicia and was originally spelled Pilzner. Your original ancestor who took this name in 1789 may have been a furrier and changed the "i" to an "e" to include the word "Pelz" which means "a furcoat"—Thus his trade became a part of the family name.

DEAR Mr. Pearlroth: Would appreciate knowing the origin of the name of Peichik. My father came from Pinsk in Russia.—MARY PEICHIK SATTON, Louisville, Ky.

PEICHIK is a trade name. It is a Polish term referring to an elegant whip such as is used in a two-wheeled hunting carriage. The name indicates that its original bearer was probably a maker of such carriages and took his name from the fact that a whip was the emblem displayed outside of his shop. Many Jewish family names were taken from such shop signs. The original word was spelled "Pejczyk."

## MEMBER OF DENVER JEWRY

# New York Central's New Chief Aided Israel's Railroad System

LEO T. ZUCKERMAN  
Jewish Post Correspondent

DENVER (JP)—The Denver Jewish community recently bade a sorrowful farewell to one of its most honored members, a former gandy dancer and engine wiper who stepped up into the big time.

He is Alfred E. Perlman, a 51-year-old "railroad man's railroad man," who on June 14 was named to take over the helm of the nation's second largest rail system, the New York Central railroad.

Perlman, who as executive vice president of the Denver & Rio Grande Western railroad raised it from receivership to a model line, was appointed to the new post moments after Financier Robert R. Young won the proxy battle of the century from the forces of William White.



ALFRED E. PERLMAN  
Railroadman's Railroadman

EVEN AS THE PROXY vote was announced, Young called his new board to order and elected "the father of Israel's new railroad system" the new president.

Probably the only Jew in an executive position in any of the country's railroads, Perlman's appointment as president of NYC came as no surprise to railroad men—but as a "big surprise" to his charming wife, Adele.

"I always knew he was a great railroad man," she said. "But the fact that he is Jewish and still got the job makes me realize he's even greater than I thought."

The appointment came as a 17th wedding anniversary to the couple. Mrs. Perlman, the former Adele Emerich, member of a family long identified with the Denver Jewish community, met at a social gathering at the home of Alfred Triefus, general manager of the May Co. store in Denver and a leading Jewish philanthropist.

"FRANKLY I WAS a little puzzled over what a man was doing in the railroad business," Mrs. Perlman recalled. "All the other men I knew were in regular professions."

"But a railroad man sure travels fast. Ours was a whirlwind courtship."

The couple has three children, Constance, 10, Michael Lewis, 15, and Lee Alfred, 15, all members in good standing at the Temple Emanuel Sunday school. Michael was confirmed two days before his father was named president of NYC.

The Perlman's classify themselves as "yontif attenders" at the temple.

"We don't attend as often as we'd like to, but Al is out of town 75 per cent of the time. But we always have big family get-togethers on the Jewish holidays and Al conducts the seders every Passover."

Perlman has been active in Jewish affairs since coming here 18 years ago. He has aided in various charity drives as much as his frequent absences from the city have permitted.

HIS DEPARTURE FROM the Rio Grande railroad will end a unique top executive department alignment.

The president of the railroad, Judge Wilson P. McCarthy of Salt Lake City, is a Mormon, and the general manager, K. L. Moriarty a Catholic.

Despite the fact he always displayed a great pride in being Jewish, Perlman never encountered any "difficulties" because of his religion during his 31 years of railroading.

At news of his NYC appointment, employees of the Rio Grande from the common laborer to the top executive, expressed the same view: The New York Central couldn't have made a better choice when it named Alfred E. Perlman as president.

Summed up by George C. Smith, veteran locomotive engineer: "He is a man who could always see room for improvement. He is an old-time railroader and a very popular man. We sure hate to lose him."

Born in St. Paul, Minn., Perlman displayed a liking for the railroad profession even when a youngster. His father, the late Louis Perlman, a merchant and "strictly Orthodox" Jew, made no objection to his son's unusual selection of a profession.

HE WAS GRADUATED from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1923 and in 1931 the Northern Pacific railroad, for which he was designing bridges, sent him to the Harvard Graduate Business school for a year of advanced study.

He stayed with Northern Pacific until 1934 when he became consultant to the railroad division

of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. He joined Rio Grande in 1936 as maintenance engineer, moved to chief engineer in 1941, to general manager in 1948, and two years ago was named executive vice president.

The rise of Rio Grande from bankruptcy coincides exactly with the rise of Perlman as its executive. It was broke in 1935, with a net deficit of \$4 million. Last year it made \$9,800,000 and has paid dividends since 1936.

And along with paying its way, Rio Grande has earned a worldwide reputation as a model of modern railroading. Its methods and improvements have been copied and imitated by lines 10 times its size.

In 1950, Perlman was called to Israel as a special consultant to the ministry of transport and communications in the planning of an over-all modernization of the new nation's railroad system.

HE PLANNED the Hadera-Tel Aviv line, which shortened the old route by 22 miles. He also directed planning for a second rail line, following a desert route to Beersheba and other southern points.

In addition, he helped with preparation of a modernization program for the entire Israel rail system which included a switch to Diesel locomotives, new dispatch and signaling systems and other modern methods and equipment.

His accomplishments in the railroad field have been such that Young noted even while the outcome of the proxy battle was in doubt that his first job would be to appoint Perlman president.

The Denver Rocky Mountain News, in an editorial noted that Perlman's "railroad genius will be missed in Colorado but will be appreciated in the East."

"The full story of keeping war material rolling... to the Pacific war areas in World War II is a monument to great odds and certainly one to the modest, quiet-spoken Perlman."

Perlman, whose first major decision as head of NYC was to cut the president's salary from \$120,000 to \$100,000 a year, has already begun his herculean task of putting new life into the giant railroad.

Those who know him in Denver—Jews and Christians alike—are confident he will succeed.

## Sea May Yield Power to Israel

TEL AVIV—Israel, may turn to the sea for its much needed electric power.

Research carried out by the Israel Standards Institute into the utilization of the sea have already proved that 20 per cent of the energy of the waves can be used for the production of power according to Dr. Ilberg, of the Technion.

## IT'S THE TRUTH!

By SAMUEL DEUTSCH

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THE NATIONAL JEWISH Post, one of America's outstanding national Jewish weeklies, is printed in Indianapolis—by a Catholic publishing house!

AMONG THE MANY scourges suffered by Jews in European and Asiatic countries was the fanatic and fantastic belief, frequently widespread among the ignorant populace, that Jews use the human blood of Christians during the Passover seder ceremony!

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## Silver's Humor Wasn't Answer to Ben-Gurion

by M. Z. FRANK



At the ZOA convention, Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver delivered one of the greatest speeches of his career. He attacked the Byroade-Berger axis; he indicated their scheme to intimidate American Jews so that the "infallible" bureaucrats can proceed with their campaign of attrition against Israel and in their indefatigable search for sawdust Saladins. Silver's speech was the highlight of the convention.

But Silver was less than great when he answered Ben-Gurion. It was very clever: Silver picked a verse from the Song of Deborah, a prophetess whom Ben-Gurion admires so much, to make fun of Ben-Gurion's criticisms. But this is not answering the question.

Ben-Gurion's articles are poorly written (also poorly translated in The Day); they are tactless; they started with the wrong emphasis on the personal obligations of Zionist leadership—in this respect they are not even historically correct. But Ben-Gurion made two points which cannot be ignored:

- Israel, to become strong, must have immigration from the West;

- In view of so many revolutionary changes in Jewish history during the past two decades, the structure of the Zionist organization is outmoded.

As to the first, Silver gave the same answer as Heller or Segal or Zuckerman or Goldman: "We'll talk about it some day"—except that Silver's wording was much

more clever. As to the second, Silver refuses to recognize the existence of the problem.

MORE THAN two years after the death of Eliezer Kaplan, the ZOA is finally beginning to discover that Kaplan no longer controls Israel's economic policies.

As a matter of fact, for the past year and a half, Peretz Bernstein, an Israeli leader in whom the ZOA has—or ought to have—full confidence, has been Minister of Trade and Industry. It cannot be said that the ZOA has fully utilized its ties with Bernstein to strengthen his position in the government, or its own position, or Israel's economy. Yet some beginnings have been made along the lines of stimulating private investments and helping private

## Telephone Directory To Drop Missionaries

DETROIT (JP)—The Michigan Bell Telephone company, after a series of discussions with Jewish Community council leaders, has announced that the next issue of its directory will not include "Congregation Mogen David Tabernacle, Sheep of Israel, Inc." in its listing of Jewish congregations.

Congregation Mogen David is not a Jewish house of worship but a conversion mission of an unaffiliated Christian sect. The Community council has held that the listing of this organization with legitimate and accepted Jewish temples and synagogues was misleading.

enterprise in Israel by marketing its products in America.

ISRAEL'S ECONOMIC structure is unique. It is mixed, as are the economic structures in all free countries. But it is the only country in which organized labor came in on the ground floor before any large-scale private enterprise had begun to develop. It is also the only rapidly growing country in which the very soil has to be manufactured before it produces. Today the country needs a larger proportion of private capital provided it is competitive, efficient and constructive. American Jews—and especially the ZOA—are in a position to contribute a great deal towards the development of the proper kind of private enterprise. No other group of American Jewry is better suited to do this job.

BUT THE ZOA must first of all realize that economics makes politics more often than politics makes economics and shift its emphasis from political sloganeering to economic activity, carefully planned and laboriously fostered.

All four points enunciated by Mortimer are important, but the fostering of private investments is the most important, certainly for the ZOA. And since I don't believe that the ZOA could do justice to all four points in one year, I would suggest that it concentrate most of its efforts during the coming year to lay the foundations for a solid economic department.

I think aliyah is even more important. But I may as well appeal to Lessing Rosenwald to promote it.

### RECORD BROKEN

HAIFA—Haifa port broke another record during June with 26,150 tons of exports shipped from the port compared with only 13,500 tons in June 1953.

## Rosen Makes All-Star Team As 1st Sacker; He's On 3d

Al Rosen has been elected as first baseman for the American league team in the All-Star Game at Cleveland by a large plurality of 461,000 votes. Rosen garnered the second highest total of votes in the poll, pulling in 1,452,000 out of a possible 4,272,000.

In an unusual twist of fate, the All Star first baseman this week returned to his usual third base position because regular third sacker Rudy Regaladao hasn't been hitting. Rosen commented: "I'm back home. I feel 100 per cent more comfortable at third."

Sid Gordon, held without a run batted in for 14 consecutive contests, finally connected, hitting a pinch-hit homer to drive in 3 runs and raise his RBI total to 14. His drive provided the winning margin in a game in which the lowly Pirates shot down the high-flying Giants 7 to 6.

	AB	H	R	HR	RBI	Pct.
Rosen	217	72	34	14	58	.331
Abrams	144	43	20	0	11	.305
Gordon	159	46	14	3	14	.295
Limmer	109	25	14	4	7	.229
Ginsberg	59	21	8	1	10	.355

## Labor Zionists Urge U. S. Ban Arms to Iraq

PHILADELPHIA (JP)—The Labor Zionist Organization of America called on the United States to reconsider its decision to send arms to Iraq and other Arab states hostile to Israel.

The resolution and another, calling on the U. S. to replace the "present shaky armistice agreements between Israel and the Arab states" with a permanent peace treaty, were passed by delegates to the group's 29th biennial convention here.

Some 500 delegates and guests, representing 150 LZOA branches in the U. S. and Canada, attended the four-day convention. Plans for the organization's 50th anniversary year were also announced.

They include special functions in more than 100 communities, the establishment of a school of higher learning in Jerusalem, a golden jubilee membership and fund drive, and the establishment of a National Labor Zionist Center and Institute in New York.

A pilgrimage to Israel in which several hundred Labor Zionists will participate will conclude the celebration.

The delegates deferred the selection of a successor to Dr. James G. Heller, LZOA head, until the 1955 convention.



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## WOMEN'S VIEWPOINT By HELEN COHEN

## Large Families Hurt

## By Increased 'Needs'



NOT long ago one of our local dailies featured a pro and con presentation on Planned Parenthood or, as it was formerly known, Birth Control.

One of the peculiar aspects of the argument is that both sides used several identical points to support the correctness of their position. For instance, both the protagonists for Planned Parenthood and the Catholic press (which opposed it) listed the problem of criminal abortions as a factor which strengthened their case.

It would be difficult to come to an exact conclusion on this point and say that one side is completely right or wrong since we can't

expect to have exact figures on the number of abortions now being performed nor on the relative number that may have been done in earlier times before the idea of planned parenthood became so widespread. Yet it seems reasonable that the disgracefully large number of these cases today can more logically be said to hurt the cause of those who, with the best in intentions, champion the idea of planned parenthood.

AT LEAST WE KNOW that in other times, whether anxious for one more addition or not, parents generally felt that a new baby on the way was God's will and to be accepted in as good grace as possible.

One of the few quotations used to bolster the case for planned parenthood, and I felt it was unfortunate, was by Rabbi Louis Mann (it may have been a long-ago remark of his) in which he is quoted as insisting that (I don't recall his exact words) unless a baby is wanted, it is immoral to bring it into the world.

Dr. Mann, I am sure, spoke from the loftiest of motives and ideals, but unfortunately his approach can't be said to be very realistic. At least he shows little awareness of feminine psychology. We're not animals but I'm sure the human female is not too different in her approach to child-bearing from the female animal who, I understand, while equipped with the sex drive, as a rule still fights fiercely against the act which will start her off with a new brood.

ONE CAN'T JUST reasonably say to a woman: "You want a baby, don't you?" and expect everything to be nicely settled. The whole idea of child bearing, of bringing forth a new human being, of becoming temporarily disfigured, of the expected ordeal of childbirth, is a shock to which it takes time for a woman to get adjusted. And this is true for each new child, not just the first.

Even today with planned parenthood and the small family of two or three per couple, one

could ask, "How many of these babies were really wanted as Dr. Mann insists they should be wanted?"

If I've heard it once, I've heard it a dozen times from women—even strangers—who have picked up conversations with me as did the mother in the park one day this spring as we sat watching our children: "I was so mad when I got pregnant with our third. I didn't want any more. But I'm so happy now that I didn't stop."

"I didn't want it . . ."

We could ask, if God had in mind that the decision to have a child be a reasonable, purely mental one, why He created the all-powerful sex urge to go with conception?

TO STRENGTHEN its case the Catholic group used an imaginary letter from a mother to her unborn son whom she was not bringing into the world because "she loved him too much." This could have been most effective except for a couple of weaknesses. One is that after a child is born it is a person who must be contended with, but it is difficult to convince a mother of the needs of a child who is only a mental possibility. Part of the fault for this situation lies, I think, in our present day attitude that everything must be perfect. We must raise our children just so, just by the book, everything must run smoothly, they must have all the opportunities, and all their needs must be met, and they daren't do without anything the Joneses have.

And parents are so busy and worried that they are falling down on one or more of their parental duties, that it is almost too much to ask them to add a new child before they have reached perfection with the ones they already are knocking themselves out with.

When I hear the familiar phrase these days, "How can you manage with a large family when it's so much trouble just to raise one or two?" they're not joking. They really mean it.

## NAMES IN THE NEWS

## Hi Ho Silver! Up, Up and Away! Here's the Circuit Riding Rabbi



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## Circuit-Rider

NO HORSE for him, but Rabbi Harold A. Friedman will soon leave Temple Heshed Abraham, Jamestown, N. Y., to become a "circuit riding rabbi" in North Carolina. Serving an area not too far from where Andy Jackson was born, Rabbi Friedman, with the help of his wife, will bring spiritual aid and comfort to Jewish families in nine North Carolina communities and one other just across the border

The second weak spot for those who would like to see larger families is the attitude toward homes and such luxuries as summer cottages. (In her imaginary letter the mother told her unborn son that if she had him, he would have to do without the nice home in the good neighborhood and the freezer and the cottage, and so on, so because she loved him, he wouldn't ever have a chance to be born.)

BUT NICE HOMES in nice neighborhoods, the drive to acquire such, is a reality today. Some people may even think life is not worth living if they must settle for less than the best. And the homes themselves, well that is really a subject. I would blame the women's magazines, at least partly. All their pictures of the latest in homes, with all the rooms spread out in full color—not a drop of dust in sight, all the furniture and walls freshly painted or bought, windows bright, everything perfect. How can a large family fit into such pictures? With large families not only is the money not there to keep everything new and bright, but little children are known to be hard on what is already bought. In fact only two or three of the little brats are almost too much for the ideal condition in homes today.

And this too is a reality. Who is going to consider a new little

in South Carolina. His assignment is sponsored by the North Carolina association of Jewish men at Charlotte.

## She's Made the Grade

GERMAN-BORN Jewish girl who came to the United States four years ago as a displaced person, has proved she's adopted her new homeland wholeheartedly. Francis Cwibeker has received a gold medal from the Children's Aid Society of New York as "the most dependable teen of 1954." Along with her medal, 12-year old Frances will get a free two-week vacation at a summer camp. There she'll be sure to exhibit her qualifications for the honor: "the highest degree of unselfishness, cheerfulness and dependability."

## New Distinction

Always a leader in Jewish civic affairs, Ralph J. Lockwood, of Bridgeport, Conn., has a new feather in his cap—he is the first white man ever to be elected president of a New England chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. A member of the Jewish Community council and a former vice president of the Jewish Community center, Lockwood has been active in the work of the B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation league on

both local and state levels. His position as president of the Bridgeport-Stratford branch of the NAACP is an extension of his civil rights work.

Lockwood characterizes the civic rights picture here and in Connecticut generally as "by and large, good." Under his leadership, the NAACP branch has undergone a spurt to membership among all races and religions in the community. Lockwood's big selling point: the NAACP as an answer to Communism.

## Names in Review

ELECTED president of the Alumni association of the Hebrew Union College—Jewish Institute of Religion has been Rabbi Jacob P. Rudin, of Great

Neck, N. Y. . . . Karpol Bender, of Capetown, South Africa, a senior rabbinical student at Yeshiva university, has been elected president of the Mizrahi

Youth of America . . . Irving L. Hordes, Newark, N. J., was re-elected grand master of B'rith Abraham recently . . . Rabbi Jacob Hoffman, for 16 years spiritual leader of New York Congregation Ohab Zedek, was feted recently at a farewell dinner and reception prior to his departure for Israel where he will take up permanent residence . . . the late Julius Rosenwald, merchant and philanthropist who headed Sears, Roebuck and company for more than 25 years, has been elected to Chicago's Merchandise Mart Hall of Fame . . . David Diamond, noted American Jewish composer, has been commissioned to compose a symphonic work in commemoration of the American Jewish Tercentenary . . . Abe Shefferman, Washington, D. C., has been elected president of the National Association of Synagogue Administrators.

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## MUSIC

### SEVERAL NEW SELECTIONS APPEAR FOR ENJOYABLE SUMMER LISTENING

By JOSEPH GALE

THE third long-playing version of Max Bruch's "Kol Nidrei" is by cellist Joseph Schuster on a twelve-inch Capitol recording, which includes Schumann's Concerto in A minor and the C minor Concerto of Johann Christian Bach. Franz Waxman leads the Los Angeles Orchestral Society.

Schuster's reading and Waxman's accompaniment are overly slow, but the cellist comes closer than his predecessors to the feeling of the high holy days. There is a bel canto to his tone which Michele Au-Clair on Remington and Pablo Casals, even, on Victor do not quite attain. His fingering is exquisite, his tone polished, beautiful and accomplished, and his tremolo, seductive. In the long run, his playing is too well-manicured to cause much excitement, yet none but the most pure heed this in the face of superior craftsmanship.



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THE ORCHESTRA as it sounds here is unworthy of Schuster, and the recording is peculiarly unresonant to have been released by Capitol on its prized Full Dimensional Sound label.

The cult of Mickey Katz may rejoice again. The Master's latest is "C'est Si Bon" and "That's Amore," on a Capitol 45 RPM disc. Both parodies, much of them in Yiddish, ring the bell, but the first one bangs at it lustily. Of course, Capitol might have provided printed lyrics for "C'est Si Bon" (it took us three hearings to fully understand the words), but all but the uninitiated will tell right off the bat that here is a killer. It is certainly one of Katz's funniest efforts and achieves a delight of wickedness.

WHETHER JOSEPH Achron's "Hebrew Melody" (Opus 33) is derivative from a Yiddish folk song, or the reverse, the melody is direct and affecting. Jascha Heifetz plays it, along with three other numbers, on an extended play 45 RPM record by RCA Victor. Emanuel Bay is at the piano.

All four—the others are Schubert's "Ave Maria," a Beethoven "Folk Dance," and Rimsky-Korsakoff's "Flight of the Bumblebee"—

—are encore numbers Heifetz does so well. They give him the chance to play simply and show off his sweet tone and disciplined control. This is the kind of uncomplicated little record that is a two-way bargain—price for one, quality for the other.

★ ★ ★  
"The Passover Story," third in a series of record albums for children, arrived in our hands after Passover was ended. In bringing it to you now, it is with the thought that Jewish education is a continuous thing and that a production of merit has no appointed time or season.

The Union of American Hebrew Congregations, whose previous recorded efforts told the stories of Chanukah and Purim, has turned out a smooth, gentle and uncomplicated endeavor in "The Passover Story," whose only shortcoming would seem to be that it is too soon finished. The probable answer to this is that simple economies dictate the feasibility of a ten-inch, two record album above a more extensive production, the cost of which would be undesirable and whose story line might possibly become tenuous on about the fifth side.

THE WELL-KNOWN TALE follows the pattern of its predecessors—a narrator, excursion into the Biblical past, and return. Mr. Maurice Barrett, who wrote and directed all three, withdraws

to a marked degree from the sharply-etched drama of the first playlets, and the relaxation is gratefully apparent.

Sam Jaffe is the narrator Elijah, and others in the cast are Cantor Alex Zimmer, Harry Cooper, Anita Esgandarian, Roger de Koven, Melvin Alpern, Rock Rogers, Ben Pilch and Ralph Curtiss. They are not identified by role, else we might have a word to say about one or more of them. In the main, they are good and reasonably convincing.

While we can recommend "The Passover Story" as one of the best narratives about the holiday in extended form, we respectfully suggest that in its next album, the Union seek other musical means than an organ, whose turgid sound so often settles mudily on younger ears, and in a few older ones.

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# I THINK AS I PLEASE

## ZIONIST COWBOY CHARLIE BENDER HAS STOLEN THE HEART OF ISRAEL

By CARL ALPERT

HAIFA—Israelis thought that they had already met and become familiar with all types of American visitors, but in the last few months they met a new type who had the country puzzled for a long while. American Zionists who have been attending conventions of the Z.O.A. for years will at once identify Charles Bender, the colorful Zionist cowboy from Breckenridge, Tex., whose broad-brimmed hat, stirrups boots and gay costume have become one of the standby features of such conventions.

To the Israelis, however, he was a strange and at first unfathomable type. People stared at him as he passed through the streets and smiled with amusement when Charlie would pause to tip his hat, and smile back at them. Little knots of youngsters would form at his heels, and follow him for blocks.

His picture appeared in the newspapers. He was interviewed by reporters, and readers of the Hebrew press were treated to full descriptions of his experiences. At first people here were inclined to look upon him as a rather queer American who referred to himself as coming from the Negev of America. Little by little, however, it appeared, that beneath the flamboyant exterior was a genuine human being and loyal Zionist.

DESPITE THE ACTING and the good-natured clowning, Charlie Bender is an emotional Zionist of the old school. Few know, even among the American Zionists who have associated with him for years, that Bender had sent his two sons to Palestine years ago to receive their education at the famous Reali School in Haifa, located on the Technion grounds. How many American Jewish parents are today prepared to do likewise?

When Bender said that he was going to visit Ben Gurion at Sde Boker, his auditors were skeptical. But Bender and his quiet, efficient wife, (his secretary he calls her) sat with the former prime minister for a long time and discussed affairs of state. For the Texan Zionist has ideas about Israel and its future. He has ideas about the training of the younger generation, and about the need for technological and scientific training. He has ideas about interesting Americans to come live in Israel. Ben Gurion was not the only one to discover that Charlie Bender knew what he was talking about, and before many weeks had passed the cowboy had captured the hearts of all Israel. His ready wit, his good-natured, bungling attempts at Hebrew, his shy smile, his serious, earnest observations on Israel's life and problems, all became famous.

THE STORIES of Charlie Bender's good nature and kind heart became almost a legend. Among the stories that reached my ears was the one about a young fellow whom he had met on a previous Israel.



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trip. The chap had sat and stared and stared at Bender's elaborately tooled cowboy boots, but said nothing. Bender followed the fellow's eyes, and then during a lull in the conversation drawled: "I know, son, but you don't expect me to walk out of here barefoot, do you?"

Nevertheless, within a few months the parcel post brought the boy an identical pair of boots from Texas.

ONE NEWSPAPERMAN observed: "The people may stop to laugh at the cowboy, but they stay long enough to admire him. This man is a genius at public relations."

It would not surprise me if Charlie Bender were to return to Israel and take up permanent residence here. But even before he does that he wants to demonstrate his love of the country, his confidence in the country. He wants to do something to make people sit up and take notice; something to make people say: "That was done by a guy from Breckenridge, Texas!"—so that they may be ashamed into doing something more and something better. If I know Charlie Bender, he will find a way.

This was not his first trip to Israel, but in a sense it was a climax and a culmination, for Israel took him to its heart, even as he had for years devoted himself to Zionist work overseas. Charlie Bender is today a personality in whom he had met on a previous Israel.

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I don't believe I told you about an interesting incident that happened to me at the convention of the Rabbinical Assembly (conservative) at the Summit Hotel, in Pennsylvania.

Before leaving for the convention, I wrote to Rabbi Wolfe Keilman to ascertain in advance that I wouldn't be treated, as I have been in the past, at certain conventions to the "executive session" closed door technique. His reply was non-committal, and I hid myself up into the Appalachian mountains, whereupon I cornered Rabbi Ira Eisenstein.

We made an agreement, which I don't care too much about, but which I believe the organization has a right to demand, although I might fire the first reporter of mine who made such a concession.

I agreed to let Rabbi Eisenstein go over whatever reports I would write up, but not for censorship purposes. He couldn't demand that anything be omitted or changed. But he could and I felt he had the right to ask, that I consider any points he might raise as to the accuracy of the reporting.

**THIS AGREEMENT** was made in private, and I didn't know whether or not anyone else had been apprised of it. As it turned out, they had not.

The very next part of the program was marked as an "executive session." I went in and sat down.

The program proceeded for a few minutes and then someone raised the question as to whether or not this wasn't an executive session, with meaningful glances being thrown in my direction.

I sat quietly—knowing that I had an ace in the hole.

But fortunately it all turned out for the best, and I didn't even have to open my mouth.

Rabbi William P. Greenfield, my own rabbi in Indianapolis, spoke up to inquire why the proceedings should be designated as "executive" at all. Several others spoke up to the same effect. There was common agreement that the goings on were not private, and a vote was taken by the chair. The freedom of the press, I am happy to report, was completely vindicated.

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**ALL OF THIS** was very encouraging, because at the Reform convention and at the Orthodox convention, I am welcome to every session, and I don't ever recall anyone challenging me at any time, although some did in-

evitably take exception later to what I reported.

Except several weeks ago.

At the CCAR convention at the lovely Lake Carlton Club, there were a number of work sessions all going on at the same time. I know I am a most capable reporter, but I find it hard to be at more than one place at one time, and so tried to keep in touch with about four important meetings all going on simultaneously.

I walked into one, and they were arguing something about the McCarthy situation. I listened for a few minutes and then the chairman called to me that this was an executive session. I nodded my head, and the session continued, and in a few minutes I arose and went elsewhere.

IN A WEEK OR TWO I hope, God willing, to attend the Rabbinical Council of America (Orthodox) convention in Detroit, and in connection therewith, I recall the time I was invited to sit in on the first meeting of the newly-elected executive of the RCA which met immediately following the convention. This has happened to me several times before at the executive committee meetings of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare Funds, but nowhere else.

The thesis of this "chair" is that because of my unique position among the rabbinate, and because for years now I have been attending their conventions, and because of the fact that the friendliness of The Post to the rabbinate (despite our not infrequent criticism of them) is well known, that I should pretty much have a carte blanche to go where I please. And in fact, this is precisely what I do have, except in isolated situations.

I think there is some value to the fact that a reporter for a newspaper attends not only one convention, but all of them, whether they be rabbinical or the general assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations and Welfare funds or the American Jewish Committee, and so forth.

From my standpoint, this kind of peripatetic coverage of the quickly maturing Jewish community is invaluable as an aid to accurate analysis and intelligent editorializing on developments. We hope this means that this is valuable also to the Jewish community, and that is why we always make such a point of freedom to report the goings on at our national conventions.

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## The Way of the World

IN view of the very friendly attitude of England to Israel, since the days when the handful of Jews of Palestine and the might of Great Britain were arrayed in battle formation against one another, we must accept Prime Minister Churchill's good wishes for Israel at face value.

It is very likely that Sir Winston along with most of the English people are sincerely sorry for their intransigent attitude towards the Jews of Palestine in the days when a little more than sympathy might have saved so many precious lives.

Ships roamed the Atlantic, and ships were turned back from the shores of Palestine, by the British forces under

orders from the then Prime Minister—Winston Churchill.

In those days, it is not unfriendly to remind Sir Winston, who says he has always been a Zionist, he must have forgotten to pay his dues, and therefore by some devious means, landed in the camp of the anti-Zionists, and he must share the blame for the loss of countless thousands of lives.

That is the way the world goes. Sir Winston probably is as responsible as any one world leader for the defeat of the Nazis, and yet responsible at the same time for keeping so many helpless Jews from finding a haven in the one place where they would have been welcomed so eagerly.

## Standards Are Needed

THE problem of the use of the daily press to wash the linen of the Jewish community is still with us, and will certainly be with us for a long time to come.

Yet it cannot be ignored that this is far from a good situation.

Obviously it is of little concern, and certainly must tend only to confuse, friendly persons who have to read the accusations of the contending Jewish groups as they are published in extenso in the New York Times and in other publications.

This is bad public relations—bad as much for the Jewish community as a whole, as it is for any segment of it.

Saturday a week ago, the New York Times devoted almost a full column to a letter by Rabbi Elmer Berger, director of the anti-Zionist American Council for Judaism, to the accusations of Rabbi Joseph L. Fink, retiring president of the Central Conference (Reform) of American Rabbis. The paper had printed these charges by Dr. Fink a few days earlier.

There is no simple solution. The fact that the Council is almost an infinitesimal minority of the Jewish community, and that the Jewish community at large has in almost any mea-

surable way you can think of expressed its pro-Zionist sympathies, throws no possible light on a solution to the vexing situation.

The problem stems from two basic faults. One is the lack of any vehicle in the Jewish community with a large enough circulation so that it might be suggested with some validity, that there was a way, and a proper way, to present one's views to the Jewish community.

The other fault is that there are no standards whatsoever in the Jewish community. This means, that in view of the fact that we are living in a democratic society, which precludes the imposition of any kind of sanctions, there is no restraint and no self-imposed discipline, only an invitation to the kind of chaos we now have.

If there were standards, which would mean that the Jewish community were mature, then just out of self respect, no group with an accusation against other Jews, would rush to the public press to air before the whole world their defamations against other Jews. They would recognize that this is something which is not done, and those that did it, would pay the penalty of public Jewish obloquy.

## A Laudable Step

WE can't tell whether or not time really ran out on the Young Israel (Orthodox) convention (JP, July 2, 54), but time would soon run out on Young Israel as a whole, if it had presumed to approve of two resolutions which had to be shelved for lack of time.

The one resolution, calling on Orthodox Jews not to attend Conservative synagogues for worship or religious ceremonies, might set up a standard, but it would drive many people away from Orthodoxy in droves, especially the young people.

The second tabled resolution is just as explosive, and would do for the rabbis, what the first resolution would do for the laity. It would have revoked ordination (smicha) from rabbis who "join movements or synagogues which deviate and contradict Jewish faith." Jewish faith here would soon be synonymous even with Orthodoxy. For in no time at all certain other orthodox rabbis might find themselves bereft of their right to practice as rabbis, because they weren't Orthodox enough.

But the big objection to rulings of this kind is that they could not possibly be followed, and what happens is that even those who consider themselves truly Orthodox find themselves in the hypo-

critical position of evading and rationalizing.

Another action of the convention was the announcement of the establishment of the "441 Foundation." This is a move in the right direction, and the kind of approach to the spreading Orthodoxy which will bring results, not alienate people.

The aim, of the first project of the new foundation, to make it possible for Jewish students to secure kosher meals at universities, is most laudable. The Post has often replied to solicitous parents inquiring about kosher facilities at various universities, that there are none.

(It will be noted that the group plans to operate, where possible, through the Hillel Foundation, but what would happen to the Orthodox student who would have tried to obey the injunction of the resolution noted above, if the Hillel rabbi happened to be either a Conservative or a Reform rabbi.)

We might recommend to the 441 Foundation the subsidization of kosher restaurants in major cities throughout the U. S. There aren't more than five cities in the U. S. today, outside of resort centers, where there are kosher restaurants.

## Einstein Medical Center Given \$750,000 to Build

PHILADELPHIA (WNS)—The Albert Einstein Medical center has received a gift of \$750,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Sam Paley.

The gift, to be used in the construction of an out-patient building to known as the Sam and Goldie Paley Clinical building, is the largest in the history of Jewish philanthropy in Philadelphia. Mr. Paley has been named honorary director of the medical center.

### EXPERTS TO BURMA

TEL AVVI (ISI)—Four engineers of Solel Boneh, an Israel construction firm, have gone to advise the Burmese government upon the creation of various industries including glass and tire factories.

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## BOOKS

## Juveniles for Jewish Children Continue to Flow From Publishers

By ABRAHAM BURSTEIN

JUVENILES for Jewish children and their teachers continue to flow, from publishers intent on selling books and from organizations bent on influencing young people.

An outstanding recent story book for Jewish youth is Mrs. E. E. Levinger's *They Fought for Freedom* (Union of American Hebrew Congregations, \$3.00), which is remarkable for its choice of subjects and material both. The list merits full recounting:—the Maccabees, Hillel, Johanan, Josephus, Rashi, Judah Halevi, Rambam, Benjamin of Tudela, Abravanel, Donna Gracia, Manaseh, Baal Shem, Mendelssohn, Montefiore, Herzl, Szold, Einstein, and Weizmann. This is the best of Mrs. Levinger's narrative writing; but intrusions of Jesus and St. Francis may render the book unacceptable to traditional and conservative schools.

HOWEVER, THERE are some publications that will not be accepted even by most liberal schools. These would include the well written but slanted textbooks of the American Council. One is Dorothy Bobrow's prime, *Tell Me Why* (Bookman, \$2.75), well illustrated by Edwin Herron, which stresses Americanism as opposed to "nationalist" Judaism. Book I of

David Goldberg's *Stories About Judaism* discovers Judaism's climax in American Reform. This too has its illustrations, pedagogic helps, and its notes by Samuel H. Baron (\$2.75).

Twayne Publishers, allied with Bookman, also presents Harold U. Ribalow's *What's Your Jewish I. Q.?* (\$2.75). It contains thirty-six groups of fifty questions on virtually every facet of Jewish life from the Bible to current sports, with the answers. In all probability present Talmud Torah children will do better on these quizzes than their elders.

TEACHERS WILL BE pleased, and because of the skills they develop also their pupils, with two splendid handbooks of the Jewish Education Committee of New York. These are *Teaching Jewish History*, by Azriel Eisenberg and Abraham Segal, two of America's most capable Jewish pedagogues—which is not alone remarkably thorough in its coverage, but is supplemented by extensive reading lists and bibliographies. *Teaching the Siddur*, by Segal alone, is noteworthy for converting what has been one of the most difficult tasks of teachers of Jewish tradition into a project certain to make better Jews and scholars. These books (\$1.25 each) are printed in Gothic,

with spiral binding.

At this point one may mention with praise the *Prayer Book for Summer Camps*, by the father-and-son rabbinical team, Morris and Hillel Silverman (Prayerbook Press, \$2.50), which holds closely enough to tradition to fill the needs of most observant camps, and which is supplemented by many special and responsive readings.

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AND FINALLY, let praise also be heaped upon the Jewish Publication Society's most recent juvenile—*The Commodore*, by Robert D. Abrahams (\$2.75), who also wrote *Mr. Benjamin's Sword*. This is the fascinating story of Uriah P. Levy, stormy high officer of the early American navy, who is credited with the abolition of the lash in that branch of the service. All the extraordinary incidents of this officer's life, beginning with his first service on a ship as an eleven-year runaway, to his interview, in his latter years, with President Lincoln, are attractively related. Boys will eat the book up. It will be noted too, that the author has not omitted his subject's predilection for Jewish tradition even in the most difficult of circumstances.

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## MEYER WEISGAL CHALLENGES POST ON ACCURACY, QUOTES IN ARTICLE

Editor, Jewish Post:

The sensational news dispatch, adorned with my picture, which you featured on the front page of your issue of June 4, bolstered my self-esteem very considerably, but presented a rather baffling challenge to my intelligence.

For some inscrutable reason your Jerusalem correspondent neglected to provide even the slightest clue concerning the actual subject-matter of my "article" in *The Jerusalem Post*. The "article" incidentally, was a reprint—almost in extenso—from a 15,000-word brochure on the topic of fund-raising unification plan for the Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute and the Haifa Technion.

The news story in your enterprising paper, however, gives the impression that I wrote an article for *The Jerusalem Post* for the sole purpose of criticizing prevailing fund-raising techniques and predicting dire disaster for the Jewish community.

The quotations in your dispatch, while correct, are completely out of context and devoid of the remotest connection with my main thesis, which concerns itself with the plan for unification of the Hebrew University, the Weizmann Institute and the Haifa Technion.

As an old hand at the newspaper game I admit I frequently was guilty of spurring on my re-write men to dash off something in the breezy style of *Time* magazine—but I always made certain that the intrinsic meaning of the story remained intact.

I am sure that your intentions were of the best, and that you were but following your alert edi-

torial policy of making available to your readers all the news fit to print. But the results are tragic indeed.

The words "tragic results" bring me to an intriguing though perhaps irrelevant question. You use "Tragic Results" as a sub-caption under my picture. Is it intended as a description of my manly countenance? Or could it be that you wish to burden me with this lugubrious epigram for the rest of my life? Perhaps your make-up man confused two captions, and assigned to me the one intended for Senator McCarthy. I suppose that mystery will never be solved.

MEYER W. WEISGAL  
Rehovoth, Israel

Editors Note: Condensing 15,000 words into the several hundred used in *The Post* necessarily means that not all of the meanings in the original can be reflected in the condensation. Our story obviously was not perfect but it sought to give the flavor and the general tenor of Mr. Weisgal's original.

## Rabbi Contends God Mentioned in Megillah

Editor, Jewish Post:

I always enjoy reading the informative column, "It's the truth" by Samuel Deutsch. A few weeks ago he mentioned that although the Book of Esther is a religious book and one of the books constituting the Bible, the name of G-d does not appear in it even once.

To one who reads the Holy Scriptures superficially this appears to be true on the surface. And it has been accepted as such

by the average person. As a matter of fact, the average reader will notice at once how the Jews were saved through Divine intervention and yet the Diety is not mentioned.

However, after deep study and research one can find the name of G-d indirectly a number of times. That is, the name of G-d is recorded in the Hebrew in acrostic form. In Chapter 7, verse 7 "that evil was determined against him by the king." The Hebrew reads KI CHOLSO AY-LOV HORO. Now when you take the last letter of each of these words and combine them—they form YHWH, which is the Hebrew name for G-d.

Space does not permit me to mention other instances. However, all scholars who are interested may contact me, and I will be glad to point out that there are four other instances where G-d is mentioned in the Megillah.

RABBI JOEL L. DE KOVEN  
Hawthorne, Calif.

It's true that when one wants to resort to word-acrostics or to take different letters from different words and switch them around or combine them, one may find combinations of such letters to form the word G-d—as, indeed, one can thus also form many other words. In Biblical or Talmudic literature this is often resort-

ed to, as is also the scheme of "g'matriyah" (wherein the Hebrew letters, each having a numerical equivalent, are added and the word thus becomes a numerical symbol often leading to quite interesting interpretations). If one, however, were to read or listen to the entire Book of Esther, as indeed one may do on Purim when the Megillah is read, the fact remains that not once will he see or hear the word G-d—simply because that word just isn't there! It's the Truth, s'help me...

SAMUEL DEUTSCH

## Book Review on Hecht Labelled Partisan

Editor Jewish Post:

Meyer Levin saw the Irgun favorably treated in another book, and off he's on a rampage again. Some months ago, it was Zar's "Rescue and Liberation" that roused his ire to unlimber himself of some outdated invectives from the old official Zionist arsenal of anti-Irgun denunciations. Now, Ben Hecht's latest book makes him lose his composure and kick the traces.

Granted that Hecht may be over-lavish in his praise of the Irgun—and its activities, Levin stoops way low even for a political antagonist to compare the

Irgun and its activities, Levin most single-minded band of batlers for Jewish statehood to "a lone squad of pirates." It sounds contradictory (but comforting to an ex-Irgun sympathizer like me) that in the preceding paragraph he expresses his "respect for the true patriots who died for the Irgun."

Also, if not for partisan prejudice, an expert craftsman like Levin, would never have perpetrated this glaring non-sequitur culled from the same review: "It is sadly futile now to recall that most of the givers thought that money was going entirely to help Israel; they did not know of any other channels through which to send it."

If your reviewer could divest himself of his party-bred phobia when engaged in literary endeavors, both his style and logic will be improved.

J. S. OESTREICHER  
Bronx, N. Y.

## NEW SECTION OPENED

RAMLE—A special section for young offenders was opened last week at the Central prison in Ramle. The section will accommodate 100 criminals up to the age of 21.

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## WORLD NEWS ROUNDUP

### Danish Jews Retain Shechita

COPENHAGEN—Danish Jews will be permitted to continue to practice shechita. Following a demonstration of the casting pen sent from London, non-Jewish experts recommended that the ministry of justice approve this form of slaughter, according to the Jewish Chronicle of London. The authorities exempted the Jewish community from the decree, which became effective last week, making the slaughter of animals by electrical stunning obligatory.

### Asks for Return of Jewish Orphans

LONDON—Chief Rabbi Israel Brodie of England has asked Dutch authorities to restore Anneke Beekman and Rebecca Melhado to Jewish guardians. The two girls, both of Jewish parentage, were left in Catholic homes by their parents who were murdered by the Nazis. They have not been returned to the Jewish community, despite a succession of public appeals and court action.



### Health for Her Baby

Arab villager brings her baby to a Kupat Holim clinic for examination. Histadrut's Kupat Holim (Sick Fund) provides full medical care for about 50,000 Arabs, comprising 11,000 Arab members of Histadrut and their families. This is the first time that so large an Arab community in the Middle East has benefited from organized medicine.

### Report More Rumanian Jews Held

LONDON—More arrests and sentences on Zionist leaders in Rumania have been reported in Istanbul by Free Rumanian sources. Prison sentences are said to have been imposed upon eight Zionists in addition to those reported in previous weeks. All the Zionists were charged with espionage.

### Deny Discrimination in Rumania

LONDON—Thirty-seven Rumanian rabbis, including the Chief Rabbi, Dr. Moses Rosen, have issued a statement denying there is racial discrimination in Rumania. The statement, according to the Jewish Chronicle of London, said that Jewish spiritual leaders in Rumania were fighting for peace because nothing else could assure the peoples of the world of a happy future.

### Orthodox Congress Urges Move to Israel

JERUSALEM (WNS)—A resolution calling upon religious Jews throughout the world to come to Israel as the only country where they can live a full life according to the dictates of the Torah highlighted last week's World Congress of Orthodox Jewry sponsored by Agudath Israel World Organization.

Rabbi Eliezer Silver, president of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada who is one of the 115 American delegates to the Agudah world congress, revealed that he had appealed to President Eisenhower to use his influence with the Jordan government to obtain permission for delegates to the congress to enter Jordan territory and visit the Wailing Wall. Rabbi Silver made his plea to the President prior to flying to Israel.

About 400 delegates and 7,000 guests participated in this international conclave of Orthodox Jewry, the first such gathering to be held since the establishment of the State of Israel.

### Presidential Adviser Sees End of Blockade

WASHINGTON (WNS)—The Western Powers "will ultimately in their own interests, take steps against the Arab blockade of the State of Israel," President Eisenhower's economic adviser, Dr. Arthur Burns, was reported to have asserted in an interview circulated to the Jewish press by the Republican National Committee.

Beinesh Epstein, who interviewed Dr. Burns, quoted the Jewish advisor to the President as having said that the Western Powers "know that they cannot depend upon the Arabs as an earnest factor in the struggle between the East and West," a view which appears in conflict with the State Department's position on arming the Arab States.

### Toronto Jews Number 74,500 in New Count

MONTREAL (WNS)—The Canadian Jewish Congress has estimated the Jewish population of metropolitan Toronto at 74,500, an increase of 7,727 over the 1951 census, 2,560 attributed to natural increase and 5,167 to new settlers.

The study shows that Toronto is the third largest Jewish community in the British Commonwealth, exceeded in size only by the Jewish communities of London, England, and Montreal.

Though Montreal's Jewish population—around 85,000—is larger than that of Toronto, Jews form a larger percentage of the total population of Toronto, nearly 6 per cent, as compared with Montreal where the Jews form a little more than 5 per cent of the population.

## Sharett Declares Israel Prepared To Repel Assault and Strike Back

JERUSALEM (JP)—Prime Minister Moshe Sharett declared that Israel's armed forces "stand ready to repel any attack and strike back at the aggressor," in a statement charging Jordan's Arab Legion with a deliberate attack on Jerusalem.

Sharett emphasized that Israel would work for peace, saying Israeli forces "will continue to refrain from any act of provocation and will resort to no action which is liable to aggravate the situation."

The statement said:

The peace of Jerusalem was wantonly violated last night when the Arab Legion opened fire on Israel's Capital along the entire sector of the armistice lines within the city.

It was a deliberate attack, without the slightest provocation, obviously planned and centrally directed. For many weeks past there has been frequent incidents of stone throwing and occasional sniping by members of the Arab Legion from the Wall into the adjoining quarters of Israel's Jerusalem, causing personal injuries and property damage.

Last night's attack resulted in its initial stages in a number of casualties among the peaceful inhabitants of Jerusalem.

In accordance with orders issued, the outposts of the Israel Defense Forces held their fire for some time in the face of this aggression. Eventually, as Arab firing continued and gained in intensity and striking power, it became necessary for our forces to react.

When the U.N.T.S.O. approached the Israel authorities about a cease-fire it was informed that fire had not been opened by Israel forces and that as soon as the other side stopped firing complete calm would be restored. With U. N. mediation, a cease-fire was agreed upon at a certain hour, but after a brief lull, sniping from the Wall by the Arab Legion was resumed, and towards morning there were further victims. A woman was killed and several men wounded.

We are faced with a new deliberate violation and repudiation by the Jordan Government of its obligations under the Armistice Agreement. It would appear that the absence of any determined international reaction to the flouting by Jordan of the Armistice Agreement in the past has served as an encouragement to that Government to commit this outrage which is an offense against the entire civilized world no less than against Israel.

The city of Jerusalem will with-

stand this test just as it has withstood similar and graver trials in the past. The life of the capital is proceeding normally. The Israel Defense Forces will continue to refrain from any act of provocation and will resort to no action liable to aggravate the situation, but it will maintain vigilance and stand ready to repel any attack and strike back at the aggressor.

### Johnston Optimistic Over Power Dispute

NEW YORK (JP)—Eric Johnston, President Eisenhower's special envoy, in dispute between Israel and the Arabs over the Jordan river development, said this week he believed there was a possibility of reaching a settlement.

Back from a tour of the Middle East, the former movie czar said he had a "rather successful mission."



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